and 49 pieces of ear phones of foreign origin valued at Rs. 21,58,750/-were seized by the Customs. The case is under investigation by the Customs Department.

Security Lapse at Coimbatore airport

3637. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government arc aware of a major security lapse at Coimbatore airport within a week after the Central Industrial Security Force took over;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any person has been held responsible for such a great risk; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to stop recurrence ot such lapse at airports all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (d) An incident of theft was reported at Coimbatore airport on 27.1.2002 in which 25 approach light fittings/bulbs were found missing. The entire stolen property worth Rs. 50,000/- has since been recovered. An enquiry has been ordered into the incident.

To ensure that such incidents do not recur. Central Industrial Security Force is now regularly patrolling around the perimeter wall.

Security lapses at international airports

3638. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, 'International airport vulnerable to security breach' which appeared in Hindustan Times dated the 2nd February, 2002;